

Amendments to the Specification

Change page 1, lines 2-14, as follows:

IMAGE PROCESSING, ~~IMAGE READING APPARATUS, AND IMAGE PROCESSING~~
METHOD

Background of the Invention

1. Field of the Invention

~~{0001}~~ The present invention relates to an image processing apparatus ~~and an image processing method~~, which applies color correction processing to original image data read by a photoelectric conversion device in an image scanner, facsimile machine, digital copier, and the like, and outputs it to a display device such as CRT, a printer device, or other output devices. ~~Also, the present invention relates to an image reading apparatus that uses this image processing apparatus.~~